REMARKS

Applicant has corrected minor typographical errors in the claims. In claim 1, Applicant has corrected a typographical error regarding the spelling of "the" and has also amended claim 13 to replace "multiplexed multiplexed" with "multiplexed"

Applicant has reviewed the Examiner's amendment. The Examiner's proposed amendment to claim 13 would have deleted "HDLC and GFP" and replaced it with HDCL (high level data link control protocol." It is believed that there was a typographical error and the Examiner did not intend to delete the "GFP" element. Applicant therefore is submitting claim amendments that reflect the Examiner's Amendment with claim 13 amended to replace HDCL and GFP with "HDLC (high level data link control protocol)" and "GFP (generic framing procedure)."
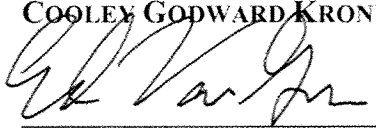
Similarly, it is believed that there was a typographical error in the Examiner's proposed amendment to claim 26, which have deleted GFP. Applicant is therefore submitting a claim amendment to claim 26 that defines both GFP and POS/HDLC within the claim.

Applicant has otherwise complied to the format of the Examiner's amendment. No new matter has been added. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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